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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: UANC BLAMES SMITH FOR CEASEFIRE FAILURE

REF: PRETORIA 4111

1. THE UANC, REACTING TO SMITH'S CRITICISM OF HIS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC) COLLEAGUES ON JULY 18 ( REFTEL), REPORTEDLY ISSUED A STATEMENT IN SALISBURY SAYING IT WAS THE WHITE'S " INTRAN- SIGENCE OVER THE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ISSUES" THAT WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LACK OF CEASEFIRE SUCCESS. THE STATEMENT, SIGNED BY PUBLICITY SECRETARY DAVID MUKOME, ACCUSED SMITH OF DELIBERATELY MISINTERPRETING THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT. IT SAID " SMITH IS A FULL MEMBER OF THAT GOVERNMENT. NOWHERE DOES THE AGREEMENT SAY THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRINING ABOUT A CEASEFIRE LIES ONLY WITH THE BLACK MEMBERS OF THE EC."

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SMITH CLAIMED THE WHITES HAD MADE THE CONCESSIONS SO FAR, BUT, THE STATMENT READ, " WHITES STILL OCCUPY ALL THE TOP JOBS IN BOTH PRIVATE ANDPUBLIC SECTORS. NOT A SINGLE POLITICAL PRISONER HAS YET BEEN RELEASED AND CENSORSHIP CONTINUES." THE STATEMENT REPORTEDLY ADDED IT WAS CLEAR THAT SMITH WAS TRYING TO ENSURE THAT HE WOULD GET THE CREDIT IF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT SUCCEEDED, BUT THE BLACKS WOULD GET THE

BLAME IF IT FAILED.

2. ONE PRESS ACCOUNT STATES THAT THE UANC IS PARTICULARLY PERTURBED AT SMITH'S CHARGES BECAUSE OF THE KILLING BY GUERRILLAS IN JUNE OF FOUR OF THEIR MEMBERS WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENTS ( PRETORIA 3631). SMITH REPORTEDLY TOLD THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON JULY 18 (REFTEL) THAT THE BLACKS HAD NOT REALLY TRIED YET TO MAKE THE CEASEFIRE WORK.

3. ANOTHER ACCOUNT, DATELINED WASHINGTON, QUOTED MUZOREWA AS SAYING SMITH'S REMARKS HAD BEEN MISCONSTRUED. ACCORDING TO THE STORY, HE TALKED TO SMITH BY TELEPHONE AND WAS TOLD SMITH HAD ONLY SAID PROGRESS WAS SLOW TOWARDS A CEASEFIRE.  
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